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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Altenburg Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

- Between 21 August and 2 September 1950, the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) airfield was occupied by 32 twin-engine transports with red, blue and yellow squadron markings. (1) From 500 to 600 officers and men were stationed at the field. A colonel, allegedly a Jew, was commander of the unit. Three to five transports made local flights every day between 21 and 25 August 1950. The crews were relieved after each flight. The transport plane with cargo glider, previously seen on the landing field, was no longer there. (2)

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- The road via Muensa (N 51/K 27) to the buildings at the field was blocked. The Nobitz-Klaus road was temporarily used to reach the field. A new road from Altenburg via Muensa-Wilchwitz/Kraschwitz was under construction. (4)
- The runway was 80x1,700 to 1,800 meters. All of it was not yet serviceable. (5) Grading was being done in the northeastern extension of the runway and in the southwestern section of the field, east of the old runway. A new E-W runway or a new circular taxiway was under construction in the latter section. Trees were being cut on the edge of the woods in the extension of the runway to northeast.

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[REDACTED] Comment.

- The aircraft strength at the airfield has not changed compared with observations of 13 August 1950. The field is still occupied by one air transport regiment equipped with about 35 Li-2s. The regiment was recently temporarily transferred to Erfurt-Bindersleben for exercises with army units at the Kindel troop training grounds. The red, blue and yellow squadron markings were previously reported. [REDACTED]

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- (2) The cargo glider was previously reported. [REDACTED]
Its present location is not known.
- 25X1B (3) [REDACTED] confirm the occupation of the field by
an air transport regiment.
- (4) The road was blocked because the concrete runway at the field was
being extended to the north beyond the road. The construction of
a new road is reported for the first time and is plausible for the
reason mentioned.
- (5) The length of the runway agrees with previous information. [REDACTED] 25X1A
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